Training by LTTE to insurgents in North-East

2134. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training is imparted by LTTE to some separatist groups in the North East;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a foreign intelligence agency is trying to spread Islamist terrorism throughout the North-East; and

(c) the course of action being taken by Government to curb the training and other helps by foreign elements to the insurgents in North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No such report of LTTE's involvement have been brought to the notice of the Government. However, a number of reports have been received about activities and camps of Indian insurgent groups inside Bangladesh and Myanmar. The reports also indicate that the Pakistan ISI is providing material and logistic support to the North Eastern militants.

(c) Cooperation of the neighbouring countries has been sought in putting an end to anti-India activities from their soil. Apart from increasing vigilance on the border and sharing of information with the neighbouring countries, India's concerns are also expressed in delegation level meetings with Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Coastal Security Forces

2135. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up coastal security forces and if so, the State Government identified therefor and whether they have been asked to draw up a comprehensive project for the above purpose;

(b) whether Government of Kerala submitted any proposal for the formation of coastal police and if so, the present stage of such proposal and the reasons for the delay in approving the plan of Kerala; and

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the perspective plan of Kerala, if so, the time by when the coastal security force for Kerala is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Proposals were obtained from the coastal States and Union Territories including Kerala for formulating a coastal security scheme for strengthening the infrastructure for policing and patrolling in the coastal areas. The scheme has since been formulated. Consideration of the proposals of the coastal States will be possible after the proposed coastal security scheme has been finally approved by the Government.

Assistance for installation of tube lights using solar cells in Uttar Pradesh

†2136. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to provide assistance to the Uttar Pradesh Government to install tube lights using solar cells in those villages in the State where electrification is not possible immediately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the budgetary provisions made in the current financial year by the Central Government for electrification in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the amount allocated under each head; and

(d) the number of new power generating units to be set up in Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government alongwith their locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) A project for electrification of 250 remote villages through solar photovoltaic systems was sanctioned to the Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency (NEDA) of Uttar Pradesh during 2003-04 under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The project involves installation of solar lighting systems in about 32,000 households in those villages. Against a total Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 30.84 crores for the project, an amount of Rs. 15.41 crores has already been released to NEDA.

Projects for electrification of remote villages are sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from the States. No State-wise annual budgetary provision is made.

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